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BOX CAR SHORTAGE CALLED THE WORST IN MEDCO HISTORY

The present box car shortage is the worst in MEDCO history, with no relief in sight.

While the problem is intermittently with us, it has gotten progressively more severe this year—probably due to a number of factors, but mainly because there are not enough box cars being built and reconditioned to supply the total needs of today's rapidly expanding American economy.

Southern Pacific officials have told MEDCO that the movement of war materials for Viet Nam is not the major contributing factor for the box car shortage.

Help for Future Needs

While the government contract to build more box cars will be a help for future box car shortages, it will not help right now—today and tomorrow. Box cars just can't be built that quickly.

If the shortage is not alleviated by the time stock already produced overflows existing storage areas, work schedules will have to be reduced accordingly, resulting in a loss for company and employee alike.

Only 69% Received

As an example of what we're up against, MEDCO ordered 283 box cars for shipment of February orders, but received only 196, or about 69% of the number required for February shipment. The plywood division received 63% of the cars ordered for February, while the lumber division received 76% of the cars it needed.

Action Necessary

Contrary to popular opinion, perhaps, our congressional delegation does pay a good deal of attention to letters received from their constituents at home—the voters. The most effective

thing that any of us can do is, as individuals, to make known to our representatives and to our senators how this box car shortage is affecting each of us personally.

The company, of course, is doing everything in its power, as are all timber producers individually, and through the Southern Oregon Timber Industries Association as a group. However, letters expressing concern from a large number of individual workers will many times make the biggest impression of all.

Addresses Given:

You may write to your representatives, telling them how this box car shortage is affecting you, at the following addresses:

The Honorable Robert B. Duncan
and/or

The Honorable Edith Green
and/or

The Honorable Al Ullman
House of Representatives
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

and/or

The Honorable Wendell Wyatt
House of Representatives
New House Building
Washington, D.C.

Senators may be addressed as follows:

The Honorable Wayne Morse
and/or

The Honorable Maurine Neuberger
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

In addition to writing to your representatives and senators, you can make the local office of the Southern Pacific Railroad aware of your concern,

as well as writing to the Portland and San Francisco offices of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

This shortage affects us all, management and labor alike and together, we must work to overcome it for the benefit of us all.

Safety Awards:

MANY GROUPS ARE "IN THE RUNNING"

A good number of MEDCO-ites are still in the running for the Safety Award Contest for the period January-February-March-April. Keep up the good record, men, and retain your eligibility for the prize awards. Keep your section SAFE!

Still eligible at press time are:

Falling and Bucking, Side #1; Falling and Bucking, Side #2; Road Construction; Woods Shops; and Woods Miscellaneous;

Railroad Switching and Log Handling; Barker; Green Chain and Yard; Transportation; Power Department; Dry Kiln; Lumber Shipping; Machine Shop;

Also eligible are:

Plywood Green End — Day Shift; Plywood Green End — Swing Shift; Plywood Veneer Preparation — Swing Shift; Plywood Veneer Preparation — Grave Yard Shift; Plywood Panel Plant — Day Shift; Plywood Panel Plant — Swing Shift; Plywood Finishing and Shipping; and Plywood Maintenance.

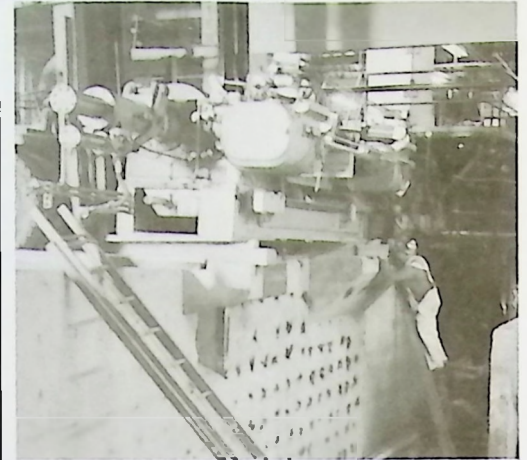
All qualified employees in the above eligible groups stand a good chance of winning in the current contest, which runs through April 30.

So remember to "THINK SAFETY" — today, and every day.

New Burner Control Equipment, High-Speed Finnish Lathe are Installed



In the picture at left, **Bob "Alabama" Crovette**, Sawmill Clean-up man, makes one of four daily checks on the MEDCO burner, referring to new instruments recently installed just outside of the burner base, including a Thermocouple, or heat-sensing device; a Pyrometer, or recording device; both of which are in compliance with the State Sanitary Authority directives, a thermometer and a barometer. From the records provided by this new equipment, the best burner control settings for any weather and fuel can be determined.



At right, **Earl Obenshain**, MEDCO Carpenter, begins installation of the new high-speed Raute' Lathe and charger from Finland, which will take small logs and cores from the larger lathes, and peel them down to a 3½" core. The shake-down run is scheduled for early April, according to **Mike Oreskovic**, Plywood Plant Superintendent and **Paul Preppernau**, Plant Engineer.

come back soon

Orville Stephenson hurt his knee while working on the landing with the loading crew in the woods. **Richard Matthews**, sawmill, has a fractured finger. Hurry back, fellows!

We're losing a lot of manhours to the flu this month. About the only precautions you can take are to get plenty of rest, and a good diet. Good luck!

new arrivals

Mike and Vicki McNeal became proud first-time parents when daughter **Shawn Lynette** made her appearance February 16. **Mike** is in the Plywood Division.

Ben and Lorna Erskine added a son to their family on February 27. **Ben** is in the Plywood Division also.

Very best wishes to our newest MEDCO-ites!

Would You Believe — ?



Head Pondman Ed Inman (if you look closely, he's in the boat in the picture above) still doesn't have a name for his boat?

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR TAXES ?

You can calculate the amount of your taxes going for each function of Government by determining the total income, excise, and other taxes you pay and multiplying the total by the percentages given below:

Total income tax you pay _____

Excise, corporation, and other taxes you pay, either directly or indirectly average 98% of the income tax; 98% of the above figure is: _____

Add above items to get Total Tax Paid: _____

Portion of tax paid which goes for:

National defense (54% x total tax paid): _____

Interest on debt (11% x total tax paid): _____

Health, labor and welfare (9% x total tax paid): _____

Veterans benefits & services (5% x total tax paid): _____

Space research & technology (5% x total tax paid): _____

International affairs & finance (4% x total tax paid): _____

Agriculture & agricultural resources (3% x total tax paid): _____

Natural resources (3% x total tax paid): _____

Education (2% x total tax paid): _____

Commerce & transportation (2% x total tax paid): _____

General government (2% x total tax paid): _____



"How about joining the Credit Union?"
(thanks to MEDCO Mystery Cartoonist)

Credit Union News

Credit Union Gaining

More MEDCO employees are using their Credit Union every month! Here are some of the reasons:

LOANS:

1. **Lower interest rates**, resulting in substantial savings to members.
2. **Credit life insurance** on all eligible loans at no extra cost.
3. **No extra fees** for filing papers, transfer of titles, or credit information.
4. **No penalties** for payment prior to maturity. You pay interest only on the unpaid balance for the number of days you have the money.
5. **Fast service** — no long wait. After your credit has been established, your loan can usually be processed and disbursed in a few days.

SAVINGS:

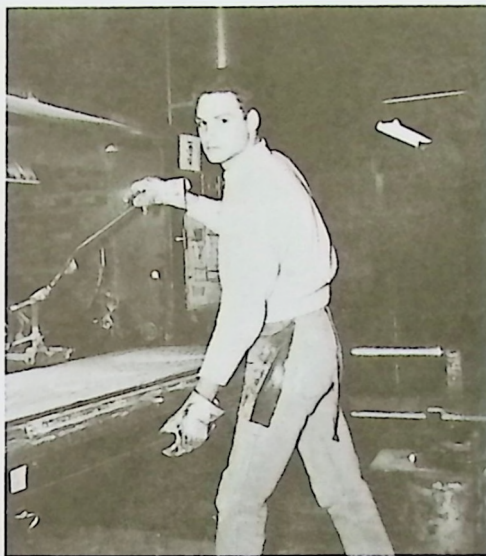
1. **Better than average return** on your money. Our current rate is 4.5%.
2. **Life insurance** at no extra charge on all shares up to \$2,000 which are purchased prior to age 60.
3. **Shares may be used as collateral** for a low cost loan.
4. **Convenience:** Office is located on plant premises, and is open 12:00 to 12:45 Monday through Friday, and 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; also after 6:00 p.m. by appointment with Joe Killingsworth. (Home telephone, 773-1256).

Sooper Snooper Asks —

"How would you solve the box car shortage problem?"

Hats off to the graveyard shift! It was cold (I think) and early (I'm sure!) and there they were, working like the middle of the day! **It was good to see Dick Garvin back—he hurt a finger in a table saw accident at home a while back—looking fine now.**

Now for the box car shortage problem solutions:



Dennis Ryerson, Belt Sander Operator: "I think the box cars are back east. The main problem is to get them back out here. We should let the eastern lines know what our situation is out here on the west coast. It's up to the other lines to get the box cars back out here."

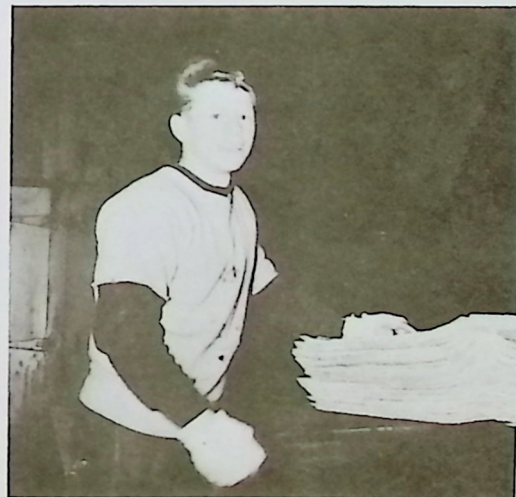


Richard Garvin, Cripple Patcher: "It seems to me that the government is using a lot of box cars in shipping

wheat to overseas countries. Too, if we divide the cars more equally, we can help our shortage."



Marvin Wright, Graveyard Maintenance Man: "A lot of cars being used for wheat shipments overseas have contributed to our shortage problem. The railroad companies are going to have to build more cars. This shortage goes on year after year. I've been in the valley twenty years and every year there's a shortage."



Leo E. Wyndearo, Dryer Feeder: "I guess we could ship the exterior material on flat cars and use box cars for interior material." (Editor's note: Have you ever tried talking to a guy feeding a dryer? They just don't stop running!)

For more about the box car shortage, see the front page story. There are things that can be done by individuals!

Market Report



by Richard Atterbury
Assistant Sales Manager

With spring just around the corner, most markets are now displaying their annual spring tune-up. Better building activity assisted by generally improved weather throughout the country is causing **buyers** to blossom out, with a new vitality.

Government buying for needed stocks in Viet Nam, pending industry labor negotiations, a critical box car shortage, and other bullish factors, has injected a new vigor and urgency to their purchasing efforts.

As nice as it is to see an improved market arising, the severe box car shortage by itself could darken our hopes in moving our production, if relief is not forthcoming. Yet, with all factors considered, it's good to see spring on the horizon.

STUMP JUMPERS VICTORIOUS; NELSON, TUNGATE BOWL HIGHS

With final standings for the 2nd Third MEDCO Bowling League activity, the **Stump Jumpers**, with a 29-15 win record, have emerged victors. **Stump Jumper John Tungate** rolled high series with a 590, while **Laps & Gaps' Don Nelson** came up with both high game (231) and high series with handicap (637). Final standings are as follows:

	W	L	Pct.		
1. Stump Jumpers	29	15	.659	John Tungate	590
2. Chinese Bandits	28	16	.636	Carrol Poe	494
3. Sawmill	26	18	.591	Jack LaTourette	496
4. Odds & Ends	23½	20½	.534	Bob Plankenhorn	564
5. Scratch Pads	23	21	.523	Eldon Vinson	567
6. Wreckers	23	21	.523	Hans Holt	535
7. Mavericks	22	22	.500	Jim Henry	471
8. Rejects	20	24	.455	Joe Beatty	519
9. Five Stoogies	20	24	.455	By Griffith	514
10. Laps & Gaps	20	24	.455	Don Nelson	565
11. White Specks	15	19	.340	Paul Preppernau	485
12. Blackjacks	14½	19½	.329	Steve Smith	492

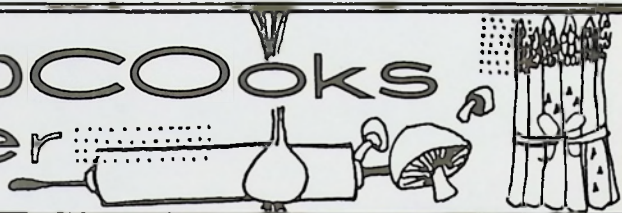
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MEDCOOks corner



March brings with it spring, and we start to think again of those delicious salads. Here's a light salad that can be composed of whatever the produce section features:

Spring Special Fruit Salad

Make dressing of 1 pkg. Dream Whip, OR chill 1 C of evaporated milk in a bowl in the freezing compartment until crystals form around the edge. Beat quite stiff, then add 2-3 Tbsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. vanilla, and ¼ to ⅓ C sugar and beat until very stiff. To this dressing, fold in whatever fruit is available, such as fresh apples, cut in small pieces, well-drained fruit cocktail or other canned fruit, etc. Walnuts and/or coconut are very good additions, too.

You will have about 2 C of dressing, so add enough fruit to serve your family and to please your taste.

February brought so many wonderful recipes, but in March, nary a one! To enter the April MEDCOOks contest, send along your favorite cookie recipe by April 5 to P.O. Box 545, Medford, Oregon. If your recipe is judged best, we'll send you \$1.00. Enter now!



Hannen, Grubbs Retire At MedCo 19, 20 Years

Well, **William "Pappy" Grubbs** was in Texas visiting his son Neal, and didn't get into the picture with **Earl W. "Dusty" Hannen**, (left, above) who is being presented his retirement pin by MEDCO executive **Chan Drew**.

Dusty's last position in his 19 years at MEDCO was as Dry Kiln Supervisor. To show their appreciation and good wishes, the Dry Kiln crew gave **Dusty** a billfold and cigars, and because he plans to travel—"maybe to Europe, who knows?"—MEDCO presented **Dusty** with a color Polaroid camera. The best of everything, **Dusty!** Keep in touch!